

## ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 1876.

The New York Herald, generally a fair jour nal, and which, from its cosmopolitan aspira tions, should certainly be fair, was, a short time ago, unfortunate in its selection of at least one of its Southern correspondents, that is if it intended to give a correct statement of political affairs in South Carolina; and on Saturday last, in alluding to the late removal of Judge Stevens by the Legislature of this State, said, editorially: "But it is possible that this judge is only some obnexious Republicae who was in the way, and for whose removal by formal process only, a pretext was wanted." Now the Herald has, or to maintain its character as the best news paper in the country, should have, a correspondent in Richmond, and should know that Judge Stevens is not an "obnoxious Republican," but an intelligent and popular Democrat, for whose removal neither cause nor pretex: was wanted.

The item which appeared in the Gazette, a few days ago, credited to the Worcester, Mass., Spy, in reference to Mr. L. Q C. Washington, and his connection with the committees of the House, presided over respectively by Messrs. Lamar, of Miss., and Hunton, of Virginia, was evidently written to excite, if possible, bad feeling, and so far, at least, as Gen. Hunton is concerned, is without truth, as we have Gen. H.'s authority to state. Mr. Washington is a high-toned gentleman, and an able correspondent, possessing the respect and esteem of those with whom he is thrown in contact, and his relations with Mr. Lamar and Gen. Hunton are of the most friendly character.

The Baltimore Sun says: "A vigorous effort is being made in New York looking to the reduction of servants' wages. Housekeepers hold that all a servant has to buy for himself or herse'f is much reduced in price since the war, while provisions which they (the housekeepers) have to buy rule at almost, if not quite, the same rates. And in Washington, too, the servant question is being considered, and the establishment of servant training schools is earnestly discussed. The trouble about servants is so great and general in this | mittee. city that but for the fear of the ills they know pot of many persons would break up house keeping and go to boarding.

In alluding to the amended charter of this city lately adopted by the Legislature and approved by the Governor, the almost invariably correct Alexandria correspondent of the Baltimore Sun has been led into error when he says Alexandria has given that amendment an effect never contemplated by the Legislature." It was no pen-slip at all, but was the result of a special amendment to the bill which, as originally prepared, only contemplated the election by the people of those officers elected by them before the existing charter went into

The Congressional committee on the Texas border trouble will present a report authoriz ing the President to increase the infantry garrisons on the frontier, to keep two full regiments of cavalry to patrol the frontier from the mouth of the Rio Grande to Laerdo, and to order that the troops of the United States may and shall pursue marauding parties from Mexico across the frontier of the United States into the territory of Mexico, and punish the wrong doers, and recover stolen property on the soil of the republic of Mexico, guarding, however, in all cases, against any unnecessary injury to peaceable inhabitants of Mexico.

The Richmond State and the Lynchburg Star, evening papers, when they reach here at all, do so a mail or two after their morning cotemporaries of the same date.

An election to fill the vacancy in the House of Delegates, occasioned by the resignation of W. H. Fowle, of this city, will be ordered for the 4th Thursday in May by Speaker Hanger.

JUDGE STEVENS IN THE SENATE. - It seems that after voting to remove Judge Stevens from office, the Senators, by way of setting themselves right with posterity, as well as the present generation, had the following remark able paper placed among the archives of the

"The undersigned Senators desire to have spread upon the journal their reasons for voting for the removal of Judge Stevens from the ofof the opinion that said charges are sustained, with the exception that the allegation that vio lation of the 4th section of chapter 190 of the Code is 'in violation of his oath of office of judge' is incorrect as matter of law. Being satisfied, however, from the evidence, that the illegal acts of gaming charged and proved against Judge Stevens were committed under circumstances of peculiar impropriety, and that his conduct was incompatible with the dignity and efficiency of the judicial office, they have concurred in the resolution removing him

therefrom. It is signed by Messrs, Beazley, Bland, Clark, Claughton, Cochran, Critcher, Daviel, Dawson, Dickenson, Duffield, Eastham, Elli ott, Eubank, Finney, Gayle, Greever, Grimsley, Hairston, Harndon, Hinton, Hurt, Johnson, Lathrop, Lawson, Maddox, Marshall, Newberry, Nunn, Penn, Powell, Quesenberry, Sinclair, Slemp, Spitler, Tanner, Terry, Ward, Wood, Wortham.-Rich. Enquirer.

THE WEATHER. -The rainy weather of Saturday ended about dark that evening with a regular midsummer thunder storm. The clouds then broke and stars were visible, but the clouds soon reappeared and continued during most of the day yesterday without any rain however. This morning broke clear and pleasant and the sun has continued to shine bright ly during the day.

### NEWS OF THE DAY.

A very heavy rain storm prevailed throughout the New England States on Saturday causing immense damage to railroads and mill property Land sides are reported on severa railroads in New York and Massachusetts, seri ously impeding regular traffic. The storm ap pears to have extended from New Jersey to New Hampshire, and all the streams along ittrack have either overflowed their banks or are eported to be rising rapidly. Many bridges. dams and mills have been swept away or badly damaged, and several towns and villages are partially submerged. Seven persons are reported to have been drowned at Norwich Conn. At present it is impossible to estimate the full extent of the damage, as but few details can be obtained, owing to the interruption of telegraphic communication.

A desperate attempt was made to rob the First National Bank of Chambersturg, Pa., Friday night by two men, who accompanied the cashier to the bank under pretence of desiring to make a deposit. The thickes assaulted and gagged the cashier, and succeeded in securing package containing thirty thousand dollars. The cashier, however, succeeded in giving an darm and the thieves were intercepted in their flight and one of them captured, upon whom was found the stolen package.

Gen. Crook's expedition against the Sioux and Cheyennes, under the lead of Crazy Horse, has returned to old Fort Reno after destroying an Indian supply camp near the mouth of Little Powder river. Gen. Crook strongly urges the transfer of the Red Cloud and Spotted Tail bands to the Missouri river.

The eruption of Vesuvius continues with unabated vigor. On Saturday the smoke was still abundant and reflected at intervals the glare from the fire waich is in the crater. No lava has appeared as yet.

Mr. L. K. Lippincott, the husband of 'Grace Greenwood," has been dismissed from his position as Recorder of the General Land Office by order of Secretary Chandler for peo-

The new route between Philadelphia and New York, via the New Jersey Central, Delaware and North Pennsylvania railroads, has been completed, and will be open for traffic on the 1st of May.

The machinists employed by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad have been subjected to an additional reduction of ten per cent. The men will work at the reduced rate.

The well known Cozzen's Hotel, at West Point, has been presented to the Governors of the New York Hospital to be used as a home for convaiescents.

Thus far it is certain that the damaging allegations against Schenck made by Lyon are as yet unshaken by Stewart's testimony. Gen N. W. Watkins died at his residence

in Morely, Mo., last Monday. The general, who was in his eighty first year, was a half brother of Henry Clay.

Perceprine Davis, esq., a prominent citizen of P rt Tobacco, Maryland, died there last to show cause why he should not be fined \$50 week.

A remarkable degree of religious interes has recently been developed at the University of Virginia.

John Travers, of Baltimore, has been ap pointed clerk of the National Democratic Com-

### FOREIGN NEWS.

and two interior towns have been opened to no yield from their lands, and what marketable commerce. The announcement that Russia goods they have on hand afford them the chief and the United States support the claims of means of supplying the necessary funds to meet Germany for indemnity for the piratical attack on the ship Anna creates surprise. The Margary investigation is proceeding at Yunnan, alhough the British Commissioners have not "a pen-slip in the act amending the charter of yet arrived. The ratifications of the Peruvian a livelihood. N ither are those hardy tillers treaty were exchanged January 17th. Russia is making steady advances into Chinese territory, having established a settlement in Mautchooria on the right bank of the Amoor. The Formosans have attacked a Chinese garrison and killed two hundred and fifty soldiers. Fresh troubles have broken out in the Province of Chinkiang. Six hundred houses have been destroyed by fire at Osaka and three hundred at Kazuchi, Japan. The new postal rate between Japan and the United States takes efmuch uneasiness in commercial circles. The lost can scarce be told. About \$75 worth of reaty with Corea opens three ports to the poultry was taken, a large quantity of lard,

A Brownsville dispatch says the commander of the United States gunboat Rio Bravo has loaned a quantity of gunpowder to General Labarra, the Mexican commandant at Matamoras, at the suggestion of Mr. Wilson, U. S. disapproved of by General Potter. General Diaz was expected to attack Matamoras on Saturday night. Two United States soldiers were murdered by Mexicans near Ringgold Barracks, and a party of Mexicans, who were lodged in the Starr county jail, charged with wounded two others.

The foreign Powers have received assurances from Servis of her pacific intentions. The Montenegries in the insurgent ranks have refused to obey the summons of their Prince to

The American Episcopal Church in Rome was consecrated on Saturday in the presence of a large concourse. Bishop Littlej hu, of the Diocese of New Jersey, assisted at the services.

### The Nicol Case.

The Richmond Enquirer says: "The House Committee on Courts of Justice, in addition to the operous duties ordinarily imposed upon them, have, for the past two months, had under consideration the charges preferred against Judge Aylett Nicol, of Prince William county, by Wm. Davies. The prosecution has been represented by Judge Thomas Smith, and the fice of county judge of Nelson county. We are defence by Mr. John M. Forbes, both able and peared from their houses to the same hands. zealous counsel.

"Much evidence has been taken, but protracted and vexatious delays have occurred cons quent upon the difficulty of getting witnesses before the committee. For several weeks the committee has found it necessary to meet twice a day, and frequently one or more members of the committee have been kept on duty taking evidence during the sessions of the

"On yesterday it became evident that the evidence could not be finished in time for any action thereupon this session, either by the committee or by the House. The taking of evidence was continued during the day and until a late hour last night. The committee have determined to take all the evidence possible to day, and to make report to the House that it is impossible to close the evidence and to report conclusions at this sessions.

"The committee will ask that the evidence so far taken be printed, and that the case be continued for further evidence and for final action, at the next session of the General Assem bly. Of course, under the circumstances, the committee have neither formed or expressed any opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the

Justice Brown, of Fairfax county, was eagaged to-day in trying the case of Quander, colored, for forging the name of Mr. Truax.

#### LETTER FROM RICHMOND.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] RICHMOND, March 24.-Capt. Wm. H Fowle, to-day, tendered his resignation as a member of the House of Delegates, from Alexandria, in the following note:

HOUSE OF DELEGATES RICHMOND, VA., March 23 1876. S Hon. Marshall Hanger, Speaker of the House of Delegates:

SIR :- As the state of my private affairs renders it necessary that I should give them my entire attention I hereby resign my position as delegate from Alexandria. With sentiments of the highest regard for you and the body over which you preside, I am, very respectfully, WILLIAM H. FOWLE.

Capt. Fewle will move from the Alexandria district soon and go to Staunton to engage in business. He takes with him the best wishes of the members of both Houses for his success. It had been his intention of resigning long since, out he held on as long as an investigation was talked of, and when that was all over he resigned. I am assured by many members of hat body, that had there been any investigation he would never have been expelled, as his case was an entirely different one from that of Judge Stevens, and it was not proved that he was in the habit of gambling, and indeed had not played until he got on a spree. Fully more than half of the members of the House have done far more gambling than Capt. Fowle. The Senate also adopted a resolution removing Judge Stevens from office, and fixing upon the 27th as the time for the election of his successor. A writ for a new election in Alexandria will be issued by the Speaker to-morrow. Judge Stevens intends to run for the Senate from Nelson county against Senator Smith, and his friends state that he

expects to beat him. The Nicol committee is still in session. From all reports the charges agains Judge Nicol are without foundation, and he will be fully ex-

The committee of conference in regard to the disagreement between the Senate and House in regard to the James River and Kanawna Canal, to-day, reported in favor of a railroad to Clifton Forge, (in substance the Senate am-ndment,) and the House adopted the report by a vote of 57 to 50.

The Leaten services here have been largely attended, and it is thought that the number of confirmations will exceed those of any previous

The Richmond Amatour Opera Company. Mr. Schoolcraft President, have decided to give the opera of Ernanni, after Lent. Senator Cochran's friends here state that he

will be next Governor of Virginia. Daniel and Goode will be also urged. It is beyond all doubt to be between these three. This is conceded by all politicians.

"After a fashion," the L gislature has disposed of all the important business before them. heard one of the leading and ablest members of the House say to another to day, "I would go home better satisfied it we had left the State finances in a better condition." There is too much truth in that declaration.
Senator C. T. Smith, of Nelson, is summon-

ed to appear before the police court to-morrow for fast driving.

### STRONGBOW.

. Fairfax County News. The operations of the thieves in Fairfax county. Virginia, during the past winter have not only been annoying to the farmers but the property stolen has occasioned them pretty heavy losses, which they are peither able nor willing Advices from China state that one seaport to sustain. At this season of the year there is the ordinary xpenses of their families. To be deprived of these by peculation is inflicting an und served deprivation upon those who not only work honestry but industriously to secure of Phillips, late Treasurer of Surry county. Mr. | tants the tax shall in either case be \$100; and of the soil disposed to quietly sit down, fold of the Senate to furnish a copy of the state- selling both by retail and to be drunk at the their hands and permit their property to be stolen without making inquiry into the matter and endeavoring to ferret out the thieves. In for such action. Mr. Johnson, of Richmond, habitants and under, and \$150 in towns of over winter they have an abundance of leisure time, opposed, and Mr. Ailan, of Farmville, advocaand within the past fortuight much of it has ted the resolution, insisting that it was the right been devoted to locating these robbers and securing proof of their guilt. Their diligence has been rewarded in one instance certain. At relation to compensate of county treasurers, was as to provide that "nothing contained in this Mr. John Truax's place, known as Woodlawo, passed. they have been frequent victims during the fect April 1st. The decline in silver causes past three months, and the amount of property scrapnel and sau-age; but what he regarded as the meanest act was robbing the money box of his little son of the silver coin that the young Senate bill appropriating the public revenue for rags, old iron, or other articles of junk, unhopeful had hoarded away for use at some future time. A portion of this, however, he was fortunate in recovering. He kept watch for the thieves, and determining to exercise all the Consul at that place, but his action had been | vigilance possible, employed a Mr. Wilkerson on March 27th. to assist him in capturing them. After plotting and counter-plotting, in which his detective showed considerable judgment, they succeeded in securing two of the guilty ones, with some of their plunder. They proved to be a do not pass, was ordered to its engrossment and colored woman, named Susannah Quander, and third reading. the crime, had been attacked by a party of soldiers, who killed one of the M xicans and had not only received the charitable attention of the farmers in that, vicinity, but had been frequently assisted in their efforts to obtainwhat the country people were obtaining-an honest living. The accused were taken before Esquire J. Owen Kirby last Thursday, when the boy was punished by whipping and his mother fined \$100, or, in default, one year in torney for Prince William county.

From the developments since the arrest, it appears that Truex and probably others have been carrying, ucknowingly, their own poultry to market, for these parties, where they sold it and quietly pock t d the money. They would ask the farmers coming to the city to give them | dred dollars' value. with their wares transportation, which they generally did, and in has since been proven in the case of Mr. Truax that on a number of occasions he carried to town for Mrs. Quander son stole from him the night previous. These of bodily infirmity.

persons were always regarded as houest, but The bill puts sleighs on the same feeting as persons were always regarded as honest, but ince their conviction other farmers think they can trace goods that have mysteriously disap-

But this does not end the designs against the name and pocket of Mr. Truax, for he has made the discovery that some person by means of forced orders has been dealing extensively at a | ber if felled or cut by the land-owner. grocery in Alexandria, Va., and he has been called upon to settle the account. This led to the discovery of the fraud, which it is expected and other evidences of debt due and payable will be entirely unearthed at an early day and to such person in excess of \$100; the amount the curpris brought to justice. - Washington

PERSONAL DIFFICULTY -The Richmond correspondent of the Petersburg Index says: The matter between Senator Smith and Mr. Hubard, of Buckingham, has not yet been adjusted. Mr. Hubard has not made any apology, and I hear intends to make none. I however yet hope there will be an amicable arrangement. The trouble arose from the published Mr. Hubard to mean that Smith charged him (Hubard) with supporting State Inspectors because some of the inspectors are from Buckingham county. Mr. Hubard said it was false, and he believed South knew it was false when he stated it. Mr. Smith demanded an apology in a note to Mr. Hubard, from which note Mr. Hubard had the right to inter that Smith in his publication intended no reflection upon make the matter up.

#### LEGISLATIVE.

In the Virginia Senate, when the resolution for the removal of Judge Stevens came up, Mr. Smith, without any remarks, presented Judge Stevens' demurrer.

tion, which was ordered; and being takes, the House resolution was adopted by the following

Blaughton, Cochran, Critcher, Daniel, Duf field, Easthaw, Elliott, Eubink, Finney, Gayle Greever, Grimsley, Hairston, Herndon, Hinton, Hurt, Johnson, Lawson, Marshall, New berry, Nune, Penn, Powell, Quescuberry, Sinclair, Semp, Spieler, Tanner, Ward, Wood,

Dickerson, Lathrop, Maddox, Moffett, Smith, and Terry -7. Before the vote was announced, Mr. Smith asked that he be excused from voting, and said: "It is well known to this body that I am not in the habit of shirking any representative duty, especially on a grave question like the

one now pending, and an explanation from me is due to the Senate, my constituents, and myself Before this unfortunate affair had become public I advised Judge Stevers to resign, being assurred from newspaper reporters of this city and other places that if it were done, so far as they were concerned, there the matter should end. On account of such advice Judge Stevens has bee me offended, and for that and other reasons has quit speaking to me. Therefore, delicately situated as I am, if I should vote against the removal Judge Stevens might misconstrue my motive, and if I were to vote for it his (Stevens') personal friends and relatives in Nelson and elsewhere might impute to me resentful and improper reasons for such a course. This personal feature of the matter is

Mr. Hinton subsequently presented a joint resolution for the election of a judge to fill the vacancy occasioned by the removal of Judge Stevens on the 27th of March at 1 o'clock p. m.

passed by the follow ug vote: Ayes.-Messrs. Bland, Claughton, Cochran. Duffield, Elliott, Finney, Greever, Grimsley, Hinton, Hurt, Liwson, Marshall, N. wberry,

Daniel, Dawson, Eastham. Eubank, Hairston, Herndon, Johnson, and Powell-11.

In the House of Delegates a bill has been passed to authorize the trustees of the Front Royal Academy to appropriate the fund arising from the sale of said academy to the erection

of a public free school building at Front Royal. of chemists and experts for their services in the case of the Commonwealth against Lloyd, of

Loudoup county, was rejected. A bill was passed for the relief of J. H Nelson, administrator of William M. Hume, deceased, late Sheriff of Fauquier county; also late Treasurer of Fauquier county.

the Second Au litor's office and Register of General Land office was returned. Passed bills: For the relief of J. H. Nelson, of Fauquier; amending the charter of Lebanon, Nelson coun-College and curators of Hampton Academy; dividing counties into magisterial districts; extending corporate limits of B wling Green, of Judge Stevens to claim that much at the hands of the Senate. Rejected. House bill in

The bill to incorporate the Jenning's Association, was passed.

In the House of Delegates, a joint resolution was offered, requesting the Auditor of Public Accounts to set apart public free school funds.

The House agreed to the Senate resolution to elect a Judge of the County Court of Nelson

The Senate bill to incorporate the Alexan dria Abattoir Company, was passed.

rate the Orange Courthouse and Harrison burg Railroad Company; also House bill to provide torney for Prince William county.

The tax bill has passed both houses of the General Assembly. The tax on real and personal property remains fifty cents on the hun-

The provision allowing county courts to exempt persons from capitation tax on account of bodily infirmity was struck out. The party the next morning the chickens that she and her must now show his inability to pay by reason

buggies and other wheeled vehicles, and

bark, but exempts cord-wood, bark, and tim-It is required that the tax-payer shall exhib

it and make outh to a list of all bonds, notes, of such bonds, notes, and other evidences of debt under \$100 each to be given in under oath in the aggregate; which list shall be signed by the commissioner and retained by the tax payer.

missioners with lists of all evidences of debts under the control of the courts, receivers, or of the commissioners, as evidenced by decrees of The provision that when property of incor-

a view to evading the law, failed to give in any bonds, notes, claims, or other evidences of debt, when they seek to collect them by action at law or suit in equity, to pay the tax, with an addition of fifty per centum thereon.

assessed according to the actual rent received his publication intended no reflection upon assessed according to the distribution of Virginia and the laws of the United Etates. is required.

Mr. Marshall demanded the pending ques

Ayes.-Messrs Beazley, Bland, Clark and Wortham-34

Nocs.-Messrs. Allan and Stevens-2. Absent or not voting .- Messrs. Dawson.

the sole reason I do not care to vote, and I have not said and never shall say how I would have voted.'

The Senate bill to provide for a separate vote

on the amendments to the Constitution, was

Smith, Spitler, 1anner, Wood, and Wortham Noes .- Messrs Bazley Clark, Critcher,

Nunn, Penn. Quesenberry, Sinclair, Stemp,

In the Senate, on Saturday, the report on

for 1876, was debited and passed.

The bill for the repeal of the charter of the

Southern Association for the relief of the Wi dows and Orphans of the South, reported from the committee, with a recommendation that it

A bill was passed to define the corporate ights, &c., of the Potomac, Fredericksburg and Piedmon: Railroad Company; also to incorpo

### The Tax Bill.

It places cord word, hoop poles, and staves

The clerks are required to furnish the comtheir courts.

views of Mr. Smith on the tobacco question, porated joint stood companies is listed and taxwhich contained an expression construed by ed as property it shall not be taxed also as a part of the capital is omitted. Our section requires parties who have, with

Toll bridges, turnpikes, and ferries are to be

No tax is to be collected for the recordation of papers authorized by the act approved 12th of February, 1876, to be recorded in the office

of the Register of the Land Office. The several clerks collecting taxes on wills and administrations, deeds, suits, and seals, are to keep an account of all taxes required to be collected by them on suits, deeds, &c., show ing by whom, on what account, and when paid, and the amount paid, and transmit to the Au ditor a copy of such accounts, and pay into the Treasury the amount collected, after deducting the commission allowed by law for their services; and are also required to post at the door of their respective court bouses a copy of such detailed account within ten days after it is so transmitted. Any clerk failing to perform this duty shall be fined not less than one hundred por more than five hundred dollars. The act further prescribes that it shall be the duty of county and corporation courts to examine care fully these accounts and certify as to their cor rectuess. Notaries are required to make like

eports under heavy penalties. On deeds of trust the tax is to be in proportion to the amount secured, although the same may be more than two thousand dollars. (Heretofore the tax could not exceed two thous-

and ) The bill allows the same remedies to collect the taxes from railroad and canal companies as heretotore. The arbitrary tax of twenty per cent, per mile is not assessed where the companies make the return.

Express and transportation companies, and ill others engaged in the transportation of freight or passengers, are taxed on the gross earnings one per cent.

The bill requires telegraph companies, by their chief officers, in addition to the value of their property, to report the gross earnings and receipts of said companies at their office to this State, and imposes a tax of fifty cents on the hundred dollars in value of their property, rating each mile at \$125 per mile, and twentyfive dollars per mile for each additional wire, and prohibits the said companies, their agents and employees, from transmitting messages over the wires without a license author zad by

The specific license tax on telegraph com papies is \$250, and an additional tax of one and one half per cent. of the gro-s earnings of such companies; provided, though, that the tax of \$250 shall not be required of c mpanies whose gross receipts are less than \$1 000.

A tax is imposed on appeals from the decisions of boards of supervisors the same as on appeals from the decision of a justice of the

Merchants are to pay a license-tax for the privilege of transacting business in this State graduated by the amount of purchases made by them during the period for which their licenses are granted.

To ascertain the amount of purchases, every merchant is to be required to state on oath the probable amount he will purchase during the continuation of his license, which amount shall in all cases be specifi d in the license. They are required to report on the 31st of July, Oc-The House bill to provide for the payment tober, and January, and on the 30th of April in each year, in writing, under oath, to the commissioners the amount of good actually bought by them during the next preceding three months.

Merchants have the privilege of selling whatever remnant they may have on hand at the for the relief of the sureties of S. F. G. Beale, close of the year if they desire to discontinue business by paying on their stocks on hand; the license to be proportioned according to the length of time it has to run.

The law is so changed as to make it the duty

of retailers of liquor to apply to the county court for a license, where they could heretofore have obtained it from a commissioner. It abolishes the per cent. tax on sales, and makes it ty; concerning Board of Visitors of Blacksburg a specific license tax, forfeiting absolutely the license when they do not make the return and obtain the license required by law. If the privilege be to sell by retail only, or

only to be drunk at the place of sale, then in Caroline county; distributing proceeds of sale either case the specific tax, in the country and of Front Royal Academy; for the relief of in towns of 2 000 inhabitants and under, shall Beale, late Sheriff of Fauquier; for the relief be \$50, but if in towos of over 2,000 inhabi-Hipton offered a resolution requesting the clerk | if the merchant shall desire the privilege of ment of Senators who voted for the removal of place of sale he may do so upon the payment Judge George S. Stevens, giving their reasons of \$75 in the country and in towns of 2,000 in 2 000 inhabitants.

I'be tax oo sample-merchants remains as it

was last year. The tax on junk dealers has been changed so section shall be construed or operate to prevent any person keeping a foundry from exchanging his new casting for old casting; provided that nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent any regularly licensed merchant in the country, or in towns having a population of two thousand or less, from buying or trading less there be a regularly liceosed junk dealer within three miles of his place of business; such

There is no material change in the law on the manufacture of liquors, except that grapeliquois, heretofore exempt, are brought in. The law as to common criers is amended so

as to prevent towns of less than 500 inhabitants levying any tax upon them in addition to the The specific license-tax on every attorney at law who has been licensed for less than five years is to be fifteen dollars, and on attorneys | 148 for fair to good; no choice offered. Corn has

years and more twenty five dollars; provided bushels of white at 57; 1414 of mixed at 55 and that where the receipts of any attorney at law are less than \$500 per year, then he shall not be required to pay but fifteen dollars. The specific lic ose-tax on every physician, surgeon, or deutis: who has been licensed for less than five years is to be ten dollars, and on every physician, surgeon, or dentist who has

more, shall be filteen dollars. The specific license tax to keep a livery stable in the country and in towns of less than w thousand inhabitants is to be fifteen dol lars; and in towns of two thousand inhabitants and over, twenty five dollars; and an additional places so wing machines in the category with tax of fifty cents for each stall therein. And berein shall be included as stalls such space as may be necessary for a horse to stand, and in on the same footing with telled simbers and which a horse is or may be kept .- Richmond

### The Manassas Imbroglio.

To the editor of the Alexandria Gazette : Dear Sir: Herewith I send a true copy of the letter charges and specifications presented to the Common Council of Manas is, March 23d, sgainst D. W. Whiting, Mayor. I make and forward the copy by request of Colonel Robert Tansill, complainant, and George C. Round, Clerk of the town of Manassas. There is great interest manifested in this issue by the citizens of this county, and an early publication will oblige many. Very respectfully,
M.rch 25 1876. Frank A. Bral.

Manassas, Va., March 20, 1876. To the honorable Common Council of Manaseus: Herewith I have the bonor to submit charges and specifications of charges which I have deemed it my duty as a citizen and respect for law and justice to prefer against D. W. Whiting. and justice to prefer against D. W. Whiting, Mayor of Manassas, and respectfully ask that your honorable body will bring the said D. W. Whiting to trial upon them, as I feel very sure that each and all the charges can be fully substantiated by competent evidence. The honor of the town and the rights of good and peaceable citizens require that Mr. Whiting should no longer have it in his power to persecute, slander, oppress and punish innocent law-abiting and honorable citizens for exercising those sa-

An official injury to the humblest individual is an insult to all, and I trust the Council will take such measures as will insure our people from further outrages by this tyrant, and thus relieve them of the disagreeable and painful necessity of appealing to the laws of the United States for the protection of their honor and rights. I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant. (~igned) ROBERT TANKILI

Charges and specifications of charges preferred by col. Robert Fan-ill against D. W Whit-ing, Mayor of Manassas, State of Virginia, to the Common Council of said town. Charge 1st.

Unarge ist.

Illegal arrest and punishment of a citizen—
Specification 1st: In this that he, the said D.
W. Whiting, Mayor of Manassas, did, on or about the 11th day of March, 1876, order and cause the arrest and impose a fine or twe ty five dollars on George C. Round, a citiz n of Matidollars on George C. Round, a citiz nor Man-assas Virginia, for expressing in the public street his disapprobation of the said D. W. Whiting's conduct as Mayor, he the said D. W. Whiting, in arresting and imposing said fine upon the said George C. Round as aforesaid is guilty of flicial oppression and a gross viola-tion of the bill of rights of the constitution of Virginia and of the first amendment to the constitution of the United States guaranteeing to every citizen the "freedom of speech" and the rights of all citizens to criticise and condemn the official acts of all public officers. Charge 24

Using the estening, insulting and indecent language to citizens in the public streets of Manassas—Specification 1st: In this that he, the said assas—Specification ist: In this that he, the said D. W. Whiting, Mayor of Manassas, did, on or about the 11th day of March, 1876, in the town of Manassas, approach in a threatening manner in the public street W. R. Will, with a cane in his hand, thrust his fist at the said Will's face, using at the same time threatening and indecent language, to wit: "You are a skunk and nasty contemptible puppy," or words to that effect, for which he the said Will, had given no cause whatever, all of which is in violation of the town ordinances in such cases. Specification 2d: In this that he, the said D.

W. Whiting, Mayor of Manassas, did, on or about the 11th day f March, 1876, use provoking, reproachful and indecent tanguage t Mr. George C. Round in the public streets of Man-assas, to wit: "You are a low, contemptible puppy." or words to that effect, which is a vio-lation of the town ordinances made and provided against such indecent, violent and law.ess con-

Charge 3d. Drunkenness-Specification: In this that he, the said D. W. Whiting, Mayor of Manassas, was, on or about the 11th day of March, 1876 in was, on or about the first day of march, 15,0 in the town of Manassas, drunk, thereby render-ing himself incapable of properly performing his official duties as Mayor, and brought re-proach upon his official position, all of which is violation of the town ordinances and laws of th . Common wealth against drunkenness. ROBERT TANSILL

Additional charges and specifications against D.
W. Whiting, Mayor of Manassas.
Charge 1st
Using indecent and obscene language while

presiding as Mayor in his office—pecification: In this that he, the said D. W. Whiting, Mayor of Manassas, did, on or about the 10th day of March, 1876, while presiding in his office as Mayor, use indecent and obscene language, to wit: "Suppose I should see a man - in the streets, could I not arrest him," or words to that effect, thus disgracing his office and proving that he is not worthy to hold it.

Charge 2d
Falsehood—Specification: In this that he the aforesaid D. W. Whiting, Mayor of Managers, did, on or about the 11th day of March 1876 in his warrant for the arrest of George C. Round folsely charge the said George C. Round with inciting a riot, which charges he, the said D.W. Whiting, knew to be utterly filse, and is therin guilty of wilful falsehood, and using his efficial authority to justify and gratify his personal malignity in illegally arresting and punishing the said George C. Round.

ROBERT TANSILL.

# COMMERCIAL. Prices of Produce in Alexandria.

CORN, white ..... Yellow ...... Ear Corn, per bbl ..... OATS ......
TURKEYS, dressed.....

CHICKENS ......
BUTTER, prime......
Common to middling..... 

Western..... 

WOOL, unwashed 0 30 (4 0 33 Washed 0 42 (4 0 45 ) The market for Wheat opens quiet and steady with no change in prices, the decline noted in the sales to-day being on account of quality 102 bushels of white brought 145 and 150 and 455 bushels of red 110, 130, 133, 142, 143, 145 and who have been licensed and practiced for five advanced, and the market is firmer; sales of (9)

> 56, and 50 of yellow at 56 Clover Seed has advanced, with sales of fair at \$11 PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, MARCHET 5un rose ....... 5 51 | Moon sets ...... 8 12

Sun sets ...... 6 20 , High water ...... 0 00 ARRIVEL been licensed and practiced for five years and Steamship & C Knight, New York, to YA Reed.
Steamship New York, Philadelphia, to F A

Steamer J W Thompson, lower Potomac, to F A Reed. Schr Milton, Norfolk, to Smoot & Perry. SAILED. Steamer Lady of the Lake, Norfolk, by F A

Steamer Sue, Baltimore, by J Broders & Co. Steamer E Morriss, Mattox, by Shinn & Co. Schr L B Cowp rthwaite, Georgetown, by MEMORANDA.

Schr Ruth H Baker, hence, at Portland 24th.

BEDFORD WATER—Just received a supply fresh from the springs; also on hand
Congress, Geyser, Capon as d Iodine Water,
mt 27 E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO BROWN WINDSOR, Glycerine, Honey, Carbolic, Lubin's and other popular Toilet Soaps just received by mh 27 E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

L'AST CALL. STATE TAXES, 1875. The State tax bills for 1875 are now in my hards for collection, and as I have but a shortime in which to make my returns I must require the payment of said taxe on or before the 20th day of April next. All person: failing to pay at tons time will be proceeded again cording to law. As these taxes must be paid, hope all persons owing bilis will call p ompty

and pay them, thereby relieving me from performing a disagreeable duty and save them selves additional expense and trouble.

JOHN T. AUGENT, Dep. Tress'r., at the office of W. D. Core. at the office of W. D. Core.

NEW HOMINY and GRITS just received by oct 16 J. C. & E. MILBURN.